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PASS FOR INFO TO DEA HQTS MIAMI

FOR AMBASSADOR VANCE

EO 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT DEA INTELLIGENCE COLLECTION ACTIVITIES

1. DEA HAS PROPOSED A MODEST INTELLIGENCE COLLECTION PROGRAM IN JAMAICA IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE GOJ. PROGRAM WOULD INCLUDE USE OF INFORMANTS PAID WITH DEA FUNDS. DEA WOULD "RUN" INFORMANTS AND AGENTS, MAKE PAYMENTS, AND COLLECT RAW INTELLIGENCE. INTELLIGENCE TAKE WOULD BE SHARED WITH JAMAICAN LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES AND ENTIRE PROGRAM WOULD BE CARRIED OUT WITH THEIR BLESSING.

2. WE ALL RECOGNIZE THAT LACK OF ADEQUATE BASIC INTELLIGENCE HAS BEEN ONE OF THE MOST SERIOUS PROBLEMS IN OPERATING A NARCOTICS PROGRAM IN JAMAICA AND THAT IN THE LAW ENFORCEMENT BUSINESS INTELLIGENCE MEANS THE USE OF PAID INFORMANTS. HENCE, I HAVE NO PROBLEM IN PRINCIPLE WITH THE PROPOSED PROGRAM. I ALSO AGREE THAT, OF THE SEVERAL ALTERNATIVES, CARRYING OUT THIS PROGRAM WITH THE ACQUIESCENCE AND COOPERATION OF THE GOJ IS THE BEST. HOWEVER, I FEEL IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT GOJ BLESSING BE OBTAINED AT THE HIGHEST POLITICAL LEVEL, AND THAT IT BE EMBODIED IN SOME DOCUMENTARY

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FORM THAT COULD BE PRODUCED LATER IN CASE OF NEED.

THIS IS BECAUSE OF THE EXTREME SENSITIVITY OF THE PM
AND OTHERS IN THE GOJ ABOUT US INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES
AND THEIR POSSIBLE ACTIVITIES IN JAMAICA. MY PREFERENCE
WOULD BE FOR AN EXCHANGE OF LETTERS BETWEEN MYSELF AND
THE PRIME MINISTER WHO IS ALSO DE FACTO MINISTER OF SECURITY
AND JUSTICE BUT I AM CONCERNED THAT SUCH AN EXCHANGE MIGHT
NOW BE CONSIDERED AN EXECUTIVE AGREEMENT AND REQUIRE
CONGRESSIONAL SCRUTINY WITH ALL KINDS OF
UNFORESEEABLE CONSEQUENCES

3. I AM TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED TO SHOW DEA FILM
PRODUCED DURING "OPERATION BUCCANEER" TO MATALON
(WHO IS STILL SEMI-INVALID) ON JUNE 27, AND WOULD
LIKE TO EXPLORE DEA PROPOSAL, INCLUDING POSSIBLE
EXCHANGE OF LETTERS, WITH HIM AT THAT TIME. EVEN
THOUGH IT NOW APPEARS UNLIKELY HE WILL BE RETURNING
TO MINISTRY, HIS VIEWS AND SUPPORT WOULD BE HELPFUL.
HENCE, YOUR ADVICE AND COMMENTS BY FRIDAY WOULD BE
MOST APPRECIATIVE. GERARD

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